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	) Group Art Unit 3726
Serial No. 09/025,531	)
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Filed: February 18, 1998	)
	) Examiner Trinh Nguyen
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING	)
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY	)
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE	)
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY	) Attorney Docket 1-5119
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS	)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the Horton et al. reference. This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 specifically defines the invention as a method for manufacturing a vehicle frame assembly that is adapted to be resiliently supported upon a plurality of vehicle wheels by a suspension system and is adapted to serve as a platform upon